

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for managing data, comprising:
2 synchronizing a database on a client system in response to location information about the
3 client system; and
4 transmitting a trigger signal to the client system that prompts the client system to present
5 data from the database and to lock the client system in response to an event relevant to the
6 location information of the client system.

1 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein synchronizing the database on the client system
2 comprises:
3 determining whether the database has data corresponding to the location information; and
4 transmitting the data to the database if the database does not have the data.

1 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein synchronizing the database on the client system
2 comprises:
3 determining whether the database has a current version of data corresponding to the
4 location information; and
5 transmitting the current version of data to the database if the database does not have the
6 data.

1 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the data presented by the client system is a splash
2 screen.

1 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising transmitting an unlock signal to the client
2 system that prompts the client system to unlock the client system.

1 6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising storing the location information received
2 from the client system.

1 7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 determining whether the client system is in a range of a server system; and
3 transferring responsibility of synchronizing the database to the server system.

1 8. A method for managing data, comprising:
2 synchronizing databases on client systems in response to location information from the
3 client systems; and
4 broadcasting a trigger signal with a location tag that prompts a client system at a location
5 that matches the location tag to present data from its database and to lock the client system.

1 9. The method of Claim 8, wherein synchronizing the databases on the client systems
2 comprises:
3 determining whether the databases have data corresponding to the location information;
4 and
5 transmitting the data to the databases if the databases do not have the data.

1 10. The method of Claim 8, wherein synchronizing the databases on the client systems
2 comprises:
3 determining whether the databases have current versions of data corresponding to the
4 location information; and
5 transmitting the current versions of the data to the databases if the databases do not have
6 the data.

1 11. The method of Claim 8, wherein the data presented by the client system is a splash
2 screen.

1 12. The method of Claim 8, further comprising broadcasting an unlock signal with a
2 second location tag that prompts a client system at a location that matches the second location tag
3 to unlock the client system.

1 13. The method of Claim 8, further comprising:
2 determining whether a client system is in range of a server system; and
3 transferring responsibility of synchronizing a database of the client system to the server
4 system.

1 14. A method for managing data, comprising:
2 determining whether a broadcast trigger signal is targeted to a client system; and
3 presenting data identified by the trigger signal and locking the client system if the
4 broadcast trigger signal is targeted to the client system.

1 15. The method of Claim 14, wherein determining whether the broadcast trigger signal is
2 targeted to the client system comprises comparing a location tag of the broadcast trigger signal to
3 a location of the client system.

1 16. The method of Claim 14, wherein presenting the data specified by the trigger signal
2 comprises presenting a splash screen stored on the client system.

1 17. The method of Claim 14, further comprising:

2 transmitting location information to a server system; and
3 storing data, relevant to the location information, received from a server system.

1 18. The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
2 determining whether a broadcast unlock signal is targeted to the client system; and
3 unlocking the client system if the broadcast unlock system is targeted to the client
4 system.

1 19. The method of Claim 18, wherein determining whether the broadcast unlock signal is
2 targeted to the client system comprises comparing a location tag of the broadcast unlock signal to
3 a location of the client system.

1 20. A machine-readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions, the
2 sequences of instructions including instructions which, when executed by a processor, causes the
3 processor to perform:
4 synchronizing a database on a client system in response to location information about the
5 client system; and
6 transmitting a trigger signal to the client system that prompts the client system to present
7 data from the database and to lock the client system in response to an event relevant to the
8 location information of the client system.

1 21. The machine-readable medium of Claim 20, wherein synchronizing the database on
2 the client system comprises:
3 determining whether the database has data corresponding to the location information; and
4 transmitting the data to the database if the database does not have the data.

1 22. The machine-readable medium of Claim 20, wherein synchronizing the database on
2 the client system comprises:
3 determining whether the database has a current version of data corresponding to the
4 location information; and
5 transmitting the current version of data to the database if the database does not have the
6 data.

1 23. A localized data dispatcher unit, comprising:
2 a data subsystem to synchronize contents of a local database in a client system; and
3 a trigger/unlock subsystem to transmit a trigger signal that prompts the client system to
4 present data from the local database and to lock the client system in response to an event.

1 24. The localized data dispatcher unit of Claim 23, wherein the data subsystem
2 comprises a data manager to determine whether data is relevant to the client system in response to
3 a current location of the client system.

1 25. The localized data dispatcher unit of Claim 23, wherein the trigger/unlock subsystem
2 comprises a trigger/unlock manager to determine whether the event is relevant to the client
3 system based on a current location of the client system and a location associated with the event.